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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY

1. CONGRESSMAN GUBSER HAS REQUESTED OF DEPARTMENT CERTAIN INFORMATION ON BEHALF OF CONSTITUENT. THIS CONSTITUENT HAS PURCHASED FISHING VESSEL BUILT IN CANADA AND IS PRECLUDED BY US LAW FROM REGISTERING THIS VESSEL IN US. AT SAME TIME, CONSTITUENT IS AWARE THAT CANADIAN NATIONALS WITH CANADIAN VESSELS FISH IN US WATERS PURSUANT TO AGREEMENT OF JUNE 15, 1973 (NOW EXTENDED UNTIL APRIL 24, 1975) REGARDING RECIPROCAL FISHING RIGHTS (TIAS 7676).

2. CONGRESSMAN WANTS TO KNOW WHETHER US CITIZEN MAY REGISTER CANADIAN VESSEL IN CANADA AND, IF SO, WHAT RESTRICTIONS FOLLOW. FOR EXAMPLE, MUST VESSEL REGISTERED IN CANADA FLY CANADIAN FLAG? WHAT CANADIAN LAWS APPLY? IN EXTAFF VIEW, CAN US CITIZEN WITH VESSEL REGISTERED UNDER CANADIAN LAW EXERCISE RECIPROCAL FISHING RIGHTS UNDER AGREEMENT NOTED ABOVE?

3. IN LIGHT OF CONGRESSIONAL NATURE OF THIS INQUIRY,
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